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## LAWNSIDE RAVINE.

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I was sitting, shadowed shade,  
In Lawnside ravine,  
Thinking, and was thinking,  
My bright thoughts between  
All the trees, and the birds,  
Through Lawnside ravine.

Fancy smiling was beginning  
In Lawnside ravine,  
My thoughts were beginning,  
Of wings in my dreams.  
Gone were, come my loves,  
To Lawnside ravine.

There was a moment of silence  
Through Lawnside ravine,  
But the rocks and the grass,  
Praised every and the shadow  
In Lawnside ravine.

Chimes are ringing, voices singing  
In Lawnside ravine,  
We are singing, we are singing,  
"Who could have known?"  
The sun parted, the tree bowed,  
In Lawnside ravine.

that is not the proper word, for I had no thought of consciousness—not for mentioning that I am distinctly connected with the hand of the Penruan family?"

Lotty shuddered.

"Do not speak of it. I was too hasty; I could not help it. I have only said what I said in my ill-humor. I hope you are not thinking of letting yourself at the Abbey?"

"They are very kind to me," said Max, promptly. "But I have not been able to appreciate their goodness always. While you were dining with me, how could I be at ease anywhere?"

Lotty put up her hand with one of her impulsive gestures.

"Hugh, Mr. Haverty; I will not listen, if you say such things as these! You and I

"Yes," Max answered, with some reluctance, for he comprehended intuitively that the Squire had wished to avoid recognition, and he scarcely considered himself justified in betraying him. Yet how could he prevent Lotty? "Ay, I have said it, but it is not what I have done to me; but it is not what man can do to me than I have deserved; for you I have been anxious and fearful; for you I have grieved over my want of wealth and power, and felt no pleasure in the world but that of being with you."

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"A traitor, am I? Then it is to my own self-respect! Where was that when I stopped to plead for the love of one who refuses to do me justice—who leads me with accusations I never mentioned? A coward, too, you say? Ay, I have said it, but it is not what man can do to me than I have deserved; for you I have been anxious and fearful; for you I have grieved over my want of wealth and power, and felt no pleasure in the world but that of being with you."

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"Then you contrive sometimes to ignore the fact that I am of a race so vile, that the more misfortune of my birth makes you shrink from me as soon as we meet?"

The clasp of Lotty's hands on his arm tightened.

"I do not shrink from you. If at one moment I have doubted you, the next has found me remorseful for my injustice. Ah! why cannot I recall my cruel speech? Cannot you bring yourself to grant me another chance? What shall I do?"

Max looked at her now, as she knew he so detected, had slipped off, and masses of golden hair fell about her face, sweet face, and lay loosely on her shoulders.

"Lotty," he said, as he looked down into her eyes, "I have been a stranger to you for three weeks; and though I am one of the Haverty family, you still think it a virtue to despise—say, hear me out—it is very hard for me to be a traitor, and should be visited on my head, and by you."

"I am not a traitor," she said, looking into his eyes. "My heart is heavy enough already. Only tell me what I shall do?"

"By loving me!" he whispered, as he stole round her right arm, and caressed her.

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